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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Rev. L. M. Krider, delegate to the North Indiana conference, will preach for us Sabbath morning, April 2.

Annual thank-offering service of the Woman's Missionary Society Sabbath evening, April 2.

The Easter evangelistic services begin Tuesday evening, April 4. Rev. Daniel Burghalter, D. D., of Tiffin, O., will assist in the services the first week, April 4 to 9. Further announcements will be made later.

An all-day sewing at the church Thursday, April 6. Monthly meeting of the Doremus Guild at 2:30 in the afternoon. Section No. 2 will serve a chicken supper in the evening from 5 to 7:30. Come and get your supper and remain for the evening service at 8 o'clock.

Easter Sunday, April 23. Morning service at 10:30. Baptism, reception of members, and communion service. Easter offering for benevolence. In the evening the choir will render Geibel's Easter Cantata, Light Out of Darkness.

Save your discarded magazines, pamphlets and newspapers for the Doremus Guild. It will be a source of revenue for the society. The women will call for the papers.

The Men's Senior Bible Class celebrated the first anniversary of the class recently by inviting the whole church to a social evening at the church. They had a good attendance and a good program of music, special readings and speeches, and later served an elaborate luncheon. Everybody had a good time. The class made a very strong plea for a full attendance of all the men in the church at the class meetings on Sabbath morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Bostick are now residing at 1134 Elmwood avenue. Their little daughter has just recovered from an attack of measles.

Mrs. Wait, residing on Columbia avenue, is just recovering from a severe attack of rheumatism. She has not been able to be out of the house for a month or more.

Mrs. Esther Brumbaugh and children from California are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Gumpfer. Mrs. Brumbaugh is a niece of Mrs. Gumpfer's.

The pastor and wife recently spent an afternoon and evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Null and Miss Doermer. Mr. Null does not get out to the services but he is enjoying good health at his advanced age of 86.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Baumgartner entertained the C. E. Society at their home Tuesday evening, March 7th, at the monthly business meeting. The young people had a pleasant evening together.

Mrs. C. H. Gumpfer entertained the Woman's Missionary Society at her home Thursday afternoon, March 16. The attendance was good and the women had an interesting meeting.

Mrs. John Ruch has been housed up with a dislocated limb. She is improving very rapidly and will be able to get out before long.

Mrs. J. H. Straub had the misfortune of falling as she was coming down the walk from her home one morning in the early part of this month, and sustaining a fracture of one of her ankles. She is getting along all right but will not be able to be about for some weeks yet. She finds it a great disappointment and trial in not being able to get out to the Sabbath services, the prayer meetings and social gatherings of the church.

PROGRAM.

Thank Offering Service Sabbath Evening,
April 2.

Prelude—Sonata in C Minor, Guitmant

Doxology

Responsive Reading

O Lord, Thou art my God, I will exalt Thee, I will praise Thy name,

For Thou hast done wonderful things; Thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.

Thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat.

Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, The Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary?

He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles.

They shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint.

Trust ye in the Lord forever; for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.

Then said they unto him, what shall we do, that we might work the works of God?

What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

To deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house; when thou seest the naked that thou cover him.

To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.

To loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free.

To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Till we all come in the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of

God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

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Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God which is in thee; for God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same unto one another.

We pray that our God would count us worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of his goodness and the work of faith and power.

And let the beauty of the Love of our God be upon us; and establish thou the work of our hand upon us; yea the work of our hands establish thou it.

Now unto Him that is able to do exceedingly abundantly, above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus through out all ages, world without end. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving.

Father of lights, thou giver of every good and perfect gift, we bring thee joyous thanks today for all thy mercy unto us. We thank thee for the faithful women of the church who were willing to pray, to give, and to sacrifice, that the kingdom of Christ might be established in every land. We thank thee for their enduring faith which in the day of trials led them to a deeper and fuller consecration of their lives to the work of the Kingdom. We thank thee for the faithful ones who from wealth or poverty have brought their gifts with joy. We praise Thee for their courage and willingness to endure hard things for the cause of Christ. We praise thee for those of this church who have been willing to give strength and time to the accomplishment of great

tasks for the church. Some have gone on to their reward, but their good works do follow them. Help us ever to be mindful of those who may need us; giving an uplifting hand to those who may have fallen by the way; to those who may be in trying places, and to those who are strangers in a strange land. O Thou Friend of all the World, look down in tender compassion upon the suffering millions in the world, and hasten the time when this cruel war shall be ended and peace shall be restored. We want to pray the prayer of faith when we say "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

O Jesus, touch our lives with power divine, that we may not live in vain but to the glory of thy great name and the salvation of the world. Amen.

Anthem—God So Loved World.

..... Stainer

Hymn—The King's High Way... Society

Solo—The Lord Is My Strength.

..... Wooler

Address—Mrs. Parley E. Zartman

Hymn—Coming... Mary B. Hoy Circle

Thank Offering Service

The Earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. I know all the birds of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine.

The silver and gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts. And lest thou say in thy heart, my power and the might of my hand hath gotten me this wealth;—Thou shalt remember Jehovah thy God; for it is He that giveth thee power to get wealth.

Knowing that ye were redeemed not with corruptible things, with silver and gold, but with precious blood, even the blood of Christ.

"Back of the loaf is the snowy flour,

And back of the flour is the mill,

And back of the mill are the wheat
and the shower,

And the sun and the Father's will."

God is the absolute owner of all that I have; he has never turned over the title of a foot of earth. He is the Silent Partner in every concern, even when He is not recognized. In the production of the commonest article of daily food I must recognize His ownership. What I give to Him He first gave to me. He giveth life and breath, and all things. He gives rain and the fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with joy and gladness, and above all He spared not His only Son, but delivered Him up for us all. We can not measure the dimensions of God's love, its height, its depth, its length, its breadth; neither can we measure His sacrifice for us.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

The offering of the faithful steward will be quiet and unassuming.

When thou doest thine alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth; that thine alms may be secret; and thy Father who seest in secret, himself will reward thee openly.

In what spirit shall we give to God?

God loveth a cheerful giver.

In what measure shall we give?

Give and it shall be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, shall they give into your bosom. For with what measure ye mete it shall be measured to you again.

How many women have we in the Reformed Church?

One hundred and seventy thousand.

How many are identified with the missionary work?

Eleven thousand six hundred and sixty-six, leaving one hundred and fifty-eight thousand three hundred and thirty-four women who are not interested.

How much have these women laid upon the altar in the last three years?

Eighty-seven thousand dollars.

This would make an average of two dollars and forty-eight cents a year

If every woman in the Reformed Church would have a part in this great work and would contribute accordingly, how much would they raise for missions in a year?

Four hundred and twenty-one thousand and six hundred dollars.

What a field lies before us, to say nothing of the needs! What can we do to reach these disinterested women and enlist them in the Master's work?

Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into His harvest.

How many women belong to Grace Reformed Church?

One hundred and fifty adults.

Only about one-sixth of these are identified with the missionary work. Let us pray earnestly and labor that there may be others join us in this the greatest work in the world.

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name He shall give it you.

Christ wants the best. He in the far-off ages

Once claimed the firstlings of the flock,
the finest of the wheat;

And still He asks His own with gentlest pleading

To lay their highest hopes and brightest talents at His feet.

He'll not forget the feeblest service,
humblest gift;

He only asks that of our store we give Him

The best we have.

Christ gives the best. He takes the hearts we offer

And fills them with His glorious beauty,
joy and peace,

And in service we are growing stronger,
The calls to grand achievements still increase.

The richest gifts for us on earth or in
heaven above

Are hid in Christ. In Jesus we receive
The best we have.

And is our best too much? O, Friends,
let us remember

How once our Lord poured His soul
for us,

And in the prime of His mysterious
manhood

Gave up His precious life upon the
cross.

The Lord of Lords by whom the worlds
were made

Through bitter grief and tears gave us
The best we have.

Presentation of Thank offering.

Prayer of consecration.

Offertory—Spring Song ..Mendelssohn

Anthem—Ho Everyone That Thirsteth
..... Coudrey

Hymn 143—Congregation

Benediction

Postlude—Triumphal March, from
Naowan-Costa Westbrook

Mrs. Zartman gave the address at the thank-offering service of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Salem Reformed church Sabbath evening, March 12. This society had a good program and made a splendid showing for the year's work. The missionary societies of the St. John's church and the Grace Reformed united with the Salem church in this service.

The Missionary Society of the St. John's church had its thank-offering service on Sabbath evening, March 26. Mrs. J. H. House gave the address; other features of the evening's program added greatly to the interest of the service. The societies of the Salem and St. John's churches are invited to the thank-offering service at the Grace Reformed church Sabbath evening, April 2nd.

Mrs. Deahl, residing on Barthold street, has been having her mother with her for the past several months. She is in fairly good health and is well preserved mentally. She is in her 97th year.

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THE EASTER SERVICES

We expect to follow our usual custom this year of holding evangelistic services for several weeks preceeding Easter. The meetings will begin with the first week in April, Tuesday evening, the 4th. Dr. Burghalter of Tiffin, O., will be with us during the first week of the services. He does not need an introduction to our people, as he has spoken for us quite frequently upon special occasions. We were quite fortunate in securing him for our meetings. The pastor has arranged with local pastors to assist in the services during the following weeks. Mr. Williams will have charge of the music and has organized a chorus choir among the young people, and has been rehearsing with them for the services. To make the meetings a success we need the prayers and co-operation of every member of the church. We must have the attendance of the people at the services, and we must have your prayers, and there must be united effort, and heart and soul must be put into the work. Revivals are the result of prayer, consecration and earnest effort. If you are not vitally concerned about the spiritual welfare of the church and of your own soul, there is positive evidence that you need a revival in your own heart. If you have no interest, no joy, in the service and work of the Lord, you need to be on your knees day and night imploring God's mercy and pardon of your sin. Read the 51st Psalm, David's prayer of penitence, confession of sin, and for restoration into the favor and fellowship of God. Let every member of the church get right with God, and that means that you must be right with your fellow man, for a man is no more right with God than he is with his fellow man. Get right with God. Surrender heart and all to Him, then God will

restore to you the joy of salvation, and He will use you in His service. Ask God to give you a passion for souls, and let Him send you out to bring others into His kingdom. Get to work with heart and soul; with all your strength and energy, in the service of the Master, and the Lord will open the windows of heaven and pour out upon us His spirit and give us a mighty work of grace and a harvest of souls.

DEATHS.

Perry Allen, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Monn, born Feb. 19, died Wednesday morning, March 1, aged 11 days. The parents and family have our prayers and sympathy in their sorrow. This dear little babe has gone home to be with Jesus, where there is no sin and no sorrow, and where loved ones meet to part no more.

A sad bereavement came to the home of Mrs. Reuben Mullen, of Montpelier, Ohio, Wednesday afternoon, March 22, in the death of her daughter, Irene, aged 15 years. She died at the hospital, where she had an operation a week previous to her death. The operation was of a very serious nature, but hopes of her recovery were entertained until within a few hours of her death. She was a bright and promising girl and loved by everybody. She was a member of the Presbyterian church and was active in the Sunday School and work of the church. The funeral services were held Saturday afternoon, March 25. Her grandmother, Mrs. David Walters, and uncles and aunts and other friends from this city attended the funeral services. This family has been sorely afflicted and passed through great sorrows within the past three or four years. First the little son was taken away, then came the death of the father, and now this daughter has followed the others to that eternal home. May the Lord comfort this sister and her family and the circle of friends in their sorrow and bereavement. Jesus says, Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.

The Aganda boys were entertained at their last monthly meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wisong on South Calhoun street. The boys had a splendid time.

Charlie Knight had the misfortune of being badly burned in an explosion at the Western Gas Construction Co. a few weeks ago. He was indeed very fortunate that he got out alive. He was burned about his face and right hand. The injury was not as severe as first reported, but it was bad enough. It will be some weeks before he will be able to go to work again. Two other men were in the explosion but were not injured so badly.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stapleton are now residing at 528 Fairmont Place. We were glad to see Mrs. Stapleton able to be out to the services on a recent Sabbath.

Mr. Freeman Chausse has returned home from Florida, where he spent the past three months looking after his orange farm. He is very much pleased with his investment in the south.

Ray Deahl, formerly with the Douglas Shoe Co., has taken a position with the Walk-Over Boot Shop people at 812 Calhoun street. He will be glad to see you at any time at his new place and show you the splendid stock of shoes his firm carries. Mr. Deahl is one of the popular and clever young men among the shoe dealers in the city.

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